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SUBJECT: MEETING OF ARGENTINE AND CHILEAN PRESIDENTS

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1. PRESIDENT PINOCHET SPENT SOME EIGHT HOURS WITH PRESIDENT PERON APRIL 18, ARRIVING AT THE MORON AIR BASE BEFORE NOON AND DEPARTING AT APPROXIMATELY 7 P.M. THE TWO PRESIDENTS LUNCHE TOGETHER AND CONDUCTED LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS AT THE END OF WHICH THEY SIGNED A JOINT STATEMENT. BOTH IN THEIR SPEECHES AND IN THE JOINT STATEMENT, THE TWO EMPHASIZED MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS AND THE COMPLEMENTARY NATURE OF THE ARGENTINE AND CHILEAN ECONOMIES. BOTH STRESSED THE NEED FOR LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION AND INDICATED ARGENTINA AND CHILE, IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER, ARE MOVING SUCCESSFULLY IN THAT DIRECTION.

2. ON SPECIFIC POINTS, IT WAS AGREED THAT TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE IMPROVED AND THEIR PORTS OPENED TO ONE ANOTHER IN A JOINT EFFORT TO IMPROVE THEIR POSITIONS IN WORLD MARKETS--I.E. CHILEAN GOODS CAN MOVE ACROSS ARGENTINA TO ARGENTINE PORTS AND VICE VERSA.

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THE JOINT STATEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE FORMATION OF MIXED

ARGENTINE-CHILEAN ENTERPRISES AND ALSO REAFFIRMS ADHERENCE TO THE ARGENTINE-CHILEAN DECLARATIONS SUBSCRIBED TO IN 1947, 1948 AND 1974, IN PARTICULAR WITH REFERENCE TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN THE ANTARCTIC.

3. PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY VILLONE INDICATED AT END OF DISCUSSIONS THAT MRS. PERON MIGHT SOON VISIT CHILE.

4. CHILEAN PRESS SECRETARY WILLOUGHBY MENTIONED FACT THAT BOTH COUNTRIES FACED TERRORIST THREAT AND THAT ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO OVERCOME IT.

5. COMMENT: MEETING WAS OBVIOUSLY CORDIAL. BUENOS AIRES PRESS CARRIES PICTURES THIS MORNING OF TWO PRESIDENTS EMBRACING AT ITS TERMINATION. GIVEN REFERENCE TO MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS, WARMING BILATERAL RELATIONS, ETC., THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT SHOULD FEEL SOMEWHAT LESS ISOLATED NOW THAN IT DID BEFORE THE VISIT.
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